



EPA's

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- Recognizes and rewards top environmental performers that go beyond legal requirements
- Launched in mid-2000, now has 228 facilities as Charter Members
- Led out of EPA's Performance Incentives Division in collaboration with EPA's 10 Regions and our State Environmental Partners

# Built on Solid Experience: Forward Thinking

- EPA's Star Track, Project XL, and Partnership Programs
- Multiple States' leadership programs
- Global voluntary, performance based initiatives
- Leading environmental policy groups recommendations
- Trade Associations sector-wide commitments

# Why Should Your Facility Consider Applying?

- National Recognition from EPA
- Reduced Inspections and Monitoring
- Streamlined Administrative Procedures
- More Benefits Under Development



# National Recognition From E P A

- Use of Performance Track Logo
- National and local events
- Visibility in E P A publications
- Web site listing



# Reduced Inspections and Monitoring



- Low priority for inspections
- Reduced MACT reporting and record keeping under the CAA
- Reduced CWA discharge monitoring and reporting
- Streamlined monitoring procedures for POTWs
- Consolidated environmental reporting

# Streamlined Administrative Procedures



- Increased flexibility when installing BACT under CAA
- Expanded reporting options for POTWs (e.g., reporting via the Internet)
- More advantageous terms under State Revolving Funds for POTWs
- Expedited review of new reduced-risk pesticides under FIFRA

# More Benefits Under Development

- Peer exchange networks
- Increased flexibility in storing waste
- Expedited review for Pre-manufacturing Notifications under TSCA





# A Three Step Application Process



- Facilities document qualifications and commitments.
- EPA and States review application and compliance record.
- Approved facilities receive program benefits.

# Entry Criteria for Performance Track Facilities

- Environmental Management Systems (EMS) in place
- Commitment to continuous environmental improvement
- Community outreach and reports on progress
- History of sustained Compliance

# 1. Operational EMS

- Policy and Planning
- Implementation and Operation
- Checking and Corrective Action
- Management Review
- Attention to
  - Pollution prevention
  - Continuous improvement
  - Public outreach

## 2. Commitment to Continuous Improvement

- Both past and future commitments to performance improvements *beyond legal requirements*
- State two past activities, commit to four future activities

# Environmental Aspects for Continuous Improvements

- Energy Use
- Water Use
- Materials Use
- Air Emissions
- Waste
- Discharges to Water
- Accidental Releases
- Preservation/  
Restoration
- Product Performance

### 3. Community Outreach and Reporting on Progress

- Conduct public outreach that meets community concerns
- Develop an Annual Report summarizing progress on Performance Track commitments

## 4. Sustained Compliance

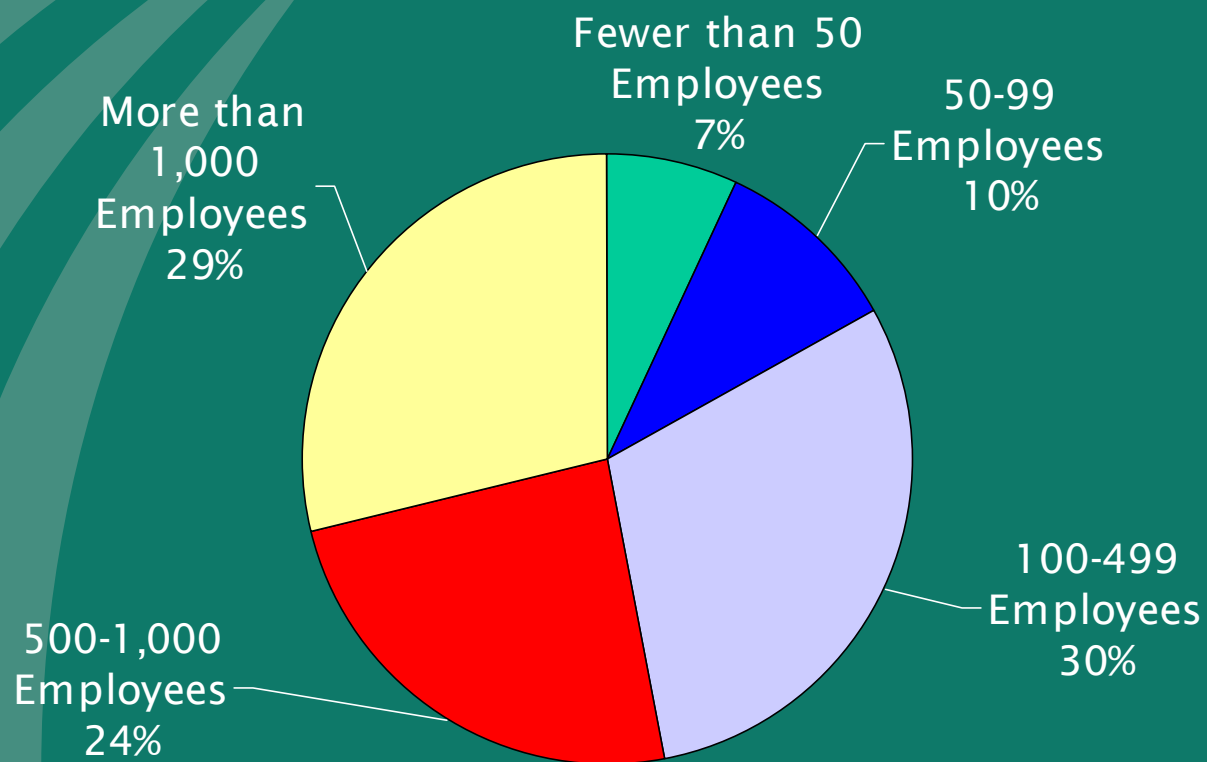
- EPA and States will conduct an enforcement screen for
  - Criminal activity over the past 5 years
  - Civil activity over the past 3 years

# Small Business Considerations

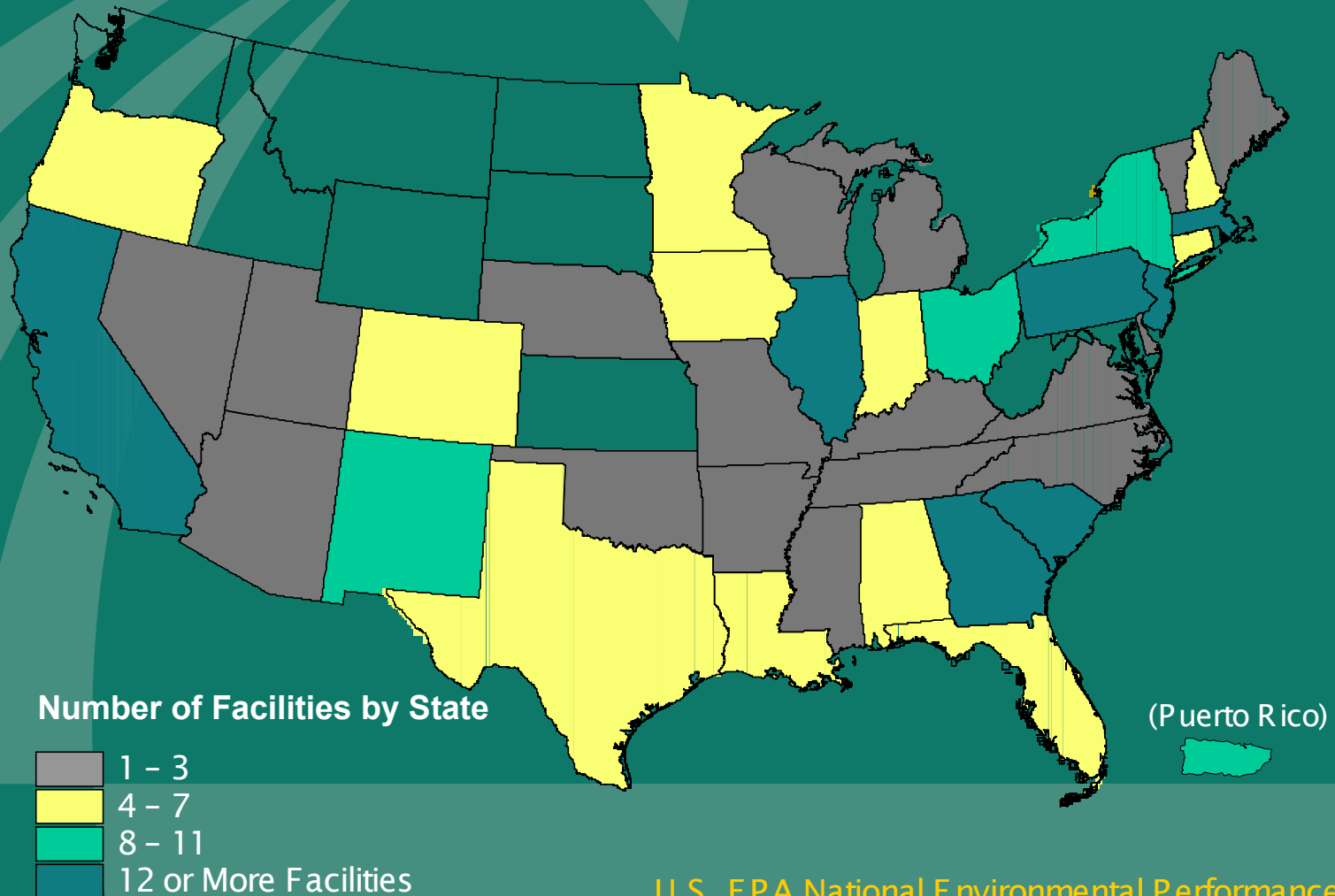
- EMS and community outreach scaled to company size
- Demonstrate one past improvement, not two
- Commit to two future improvements, not four



# Charter Members by Facility Size



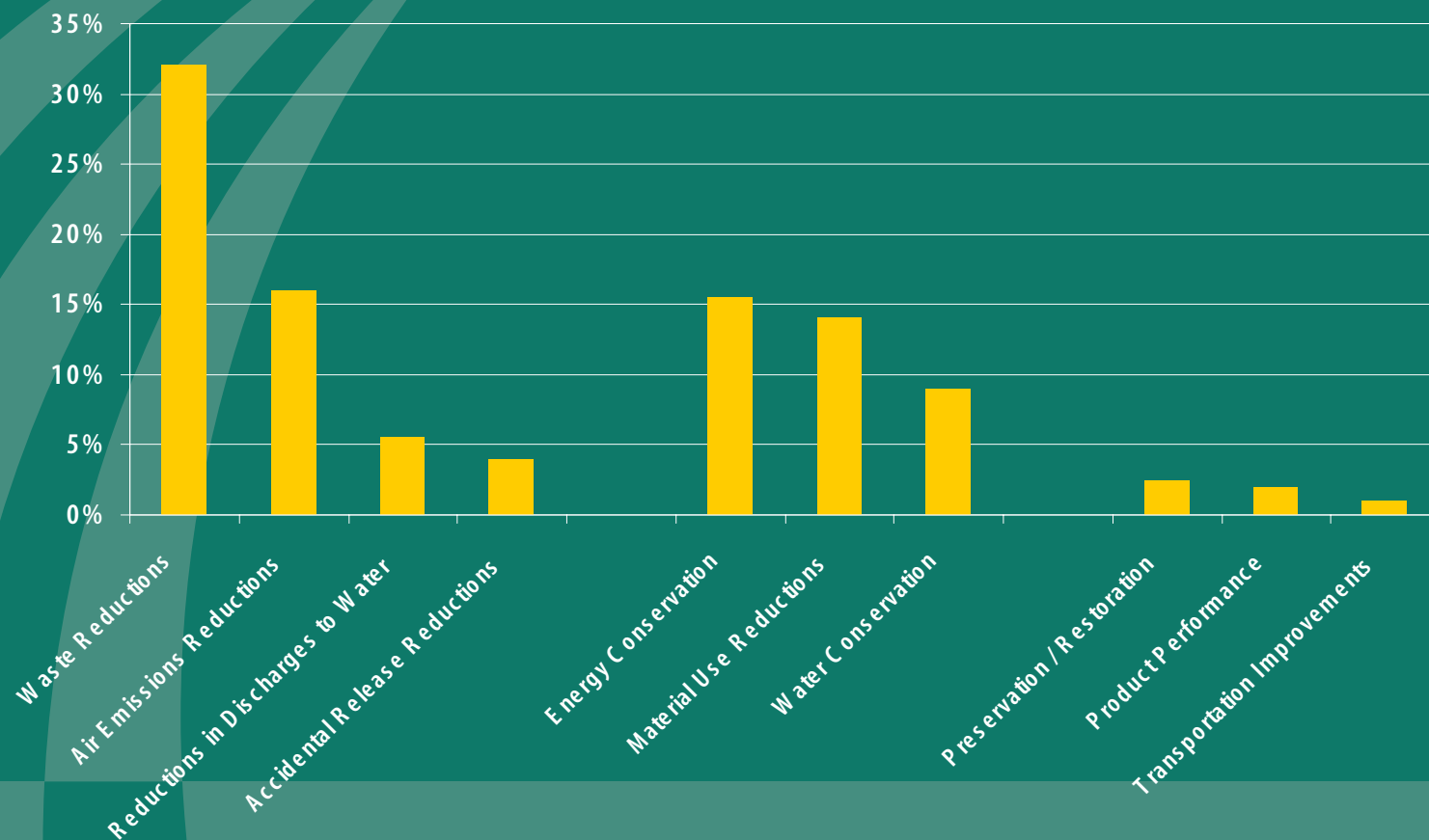
# Charter Members Located in 38 States (and 1 Territory)



# Charter Members Represent Many Sectors

Manufacturing Sectors	
Chemical	18%
Instruments and Other Products	17%
Industrial and Transportation Equipment	13%
Electronic Equipment	10%
Textile, Wood, Paper, and Printing Products	9%
Metal Industries	6%
Rubber and Plastic Products	3%
Manufacturing Sub-Total	75%
Non-Manufacturing Sectors	
Livestock and Food	7%
Public Facilities	4%
Services	4%
Utilities	4%
Wholesale Distributors and Freight	4%
Mining and Construction	2%
Non-Manufacturing Sub-Total	25%

# Charter Members' Commitments



# A National Program Takes National Support

- EPA's Program Offices, Regions, and States share responsibilities and success
  - EPA's Program Offices participated in program design and are integral part of implementing incentives
  - Regions provide critical support in recruiting, application approval, and participant support
  - States participate in the approval process and delivery of incentives

# Achievers Wanted — Apply Within



- In 2001, applications will be accepted
  - February 1 – April 30
  - August 1 – October 31
- Applications can be downloaded from [www.epa.gov/performance-track](http://www.epa.gov/performance-track)
- Or requested from 1-888-339-PTRK

# Defining Stewardship



- Environmental leaders and academic and policy groups are being consulted
- Public meetings are being held
- Will link to basic program but performance expectations will be significantly higher

# To Learn More

- Call the Performance Track Information Center at 888-339-PTRK or e-mail [ptrack@indecon.com](mailto:ptrack@indecon.com)

